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January 18, 2012

The Honorable Alex Padilla  
California State Senate  
State Capitol Building Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **SB 659** - As amended January 13, 2012 - **SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Padilla,

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support SB 659. This legislation would temporarily postpone the scheduled February 1, 2012 date to dissolve California's 425 redevelopment agencies.

Temporarily postponing this February deadline will allow time for the Legislature and Governor to develop a new job creation and neighborhood renewal program, and to develop a solution that ensures that schools and the State budget receive the funding intended by the Legislature when they passed the redevelopment budget legislation last year.

Without the extension, successor agencies are responsible for winding down all assets, properties, contracts, leases, records, buildings and equipments of the former redevelopment agencies, and laying off workers – actions that are incredibly difficult to undo. Once the dissolution process starts, it will lead to lawsuits, endless delays, and ongoing conflict, making more difficult to develop a new job creation and community revitalization program in California.

The County is committed to working with lawmakers, statewide associations, local agencies and stakeholders to create a new program that achieves any necessary reforms, and continues to assist communities in creating jobs and eliminating blight.

For these reasons, we support SB 659. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Candelaria, Deputy Legislative Director at (909) 387-4280.

Sincerely,

**JOSIE GONZALES**

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